

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

HUNTINGTON DIVISION

RICK NOWLIN,
o/b/o LINDA NOWLIN, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:19-0173

ANDREW SAUL, COMMISSIONER
OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

This action was referred to the Honorable Cheryl A. Eifert, United States Magistrate Judge, for submission to this Court of proposed findings of fact and recommendations for disposition, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B). The Magistrate Judge has submitted findings of fact and recommended that the Court grant Plaintiff's request for judgment on the pleadings (ECF No. 15), to the extent that it requests remand of the Commissioner's decision; deny Defendant's request to affirm the decision of the Commissioner (ECF No. 16); reverse the final decision of the Commissioner; remand this matter pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further administrative proceedings consistent with this Proposed Findings and Recommendations; and dismiss this action from the docket of the Court. Neither party has filed objections to the Magistrate Judge's findings and recommendations.

Accordingly, the Court accepts and incorporates herein the findings and recommendations of the Magistrate Judge and **GRANTS** Plaintiff's request for judgment on the pleadings (ECF No.

15), to the extent that it requests remand of the Commissioner's decision; **DENIES** Defendant's request to affirm the decision of the Commissioner (ECF No. 16); **REVERSES** the final decision of the Commissioner; **REMANDS** this matter pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further administrative proceedings consistent with this Proposed Findings and Recommendations; and **DISMISSES** this action from the docket of the Court.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented parties.

ENTER: November 13, 2019



ROBERT C. CHAMBERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE